

TIPS FOR AVOIDING PROBLEMS

- Check your voter registration status at least 30 days before the election.
- Vote before Election Day using early voting to avoid last minute rush.
- If you plan to vote at the polls, locate your polling place at least 30 days before the election.
- Read all instructions carefully.
- Ask for help if you need it.
- Take your time. You have up to 5 minutes in the voting booth to cast your vote.

ARKANSAS, WILL YOU BE READY?

This information is designed to help you protect your right to vote. We recommend:

- Voting early when possible, and
- Asking for information of help if you need it.

Please call us for more information and to report and problems or concerns to us by calling 1-866-OUR-VOTE (866-687-8683) or emailing info@866ourvote.org.

Download our Election Protection Smartphone App by texting EPAPP to 90975 or visiting: <http://www.866ourvote.org/pages/election-protection-smartphone-app>



LET ME VOTE

Know Your Rights Voting in Arkansas

KNOW WHAT TO EXPECT

To find your polling place or check your registration status, visit <http://www.vote411.org/> or call us.

For early voting locations and hours visit: www.aclu.org/let-me-vote or call us.

Other useful numbers: Arkansas State Board of Election Commissioners: (800) 411-6996; Arkansas Secretary of State: (800) 247-3312; U.S. Department of Justice, Voting Rights Section: (800) 253-3931



www.acluarkansas.org

ELECTION PROTECTION **YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO VOTE**
1-866-OUR-VOTE ■ www.866OurVote.org

IF YOU HAVE ANY PROBLEMS OR QUESTIONS

Call the National Voter Hotline
866-OUR-VOTE (866-687-8683)

Important information
regarding your right to
vote!

Download our Election Protection
Smartphone App by texting EPAPP to
90975

REGISTERING TO VOTE

To register to vote in Arkansas you must:

- Be a U.S. citizen
- Be an Arkansas resident (at least 30 days prior to Election Day)
- Be 18 years of age or older on the Day of the Election
- Not be convicted of a felony whose sentence has not been discharged or pardoned.
- Not be declared by a court as mentally incompetent to vote

You can register to vote:

- In person, by filling out a voter registration form at your county clerk's office;
- By mail, by filling out a mail-in-registration form and mailing it to your clerk's office or the Secretary of State's office; or
- When you apply for services at Driver Services and state agencies that provide public assistance or services to people with disabilities.

Certain populations:

- As a student you can register to vote with whatever address you consider your primary legal residence.
- If you are homeless you can still register to vote by identifying a place of residence which you usually stay such as a street corner, a park, or a shelter. You must also provide a mailing address which can be an address of an organization that has agreed to accept your mail.
- If you've been convicted of a misdemeanor, you can still vote, but you have to vote absentee if you're still in jail.

You must register to vote at least 30 days before the election you wish to vote. Be sure to update your registration status every time you move or change your name

VOTING ABSENTEE

Only qualified voters who will be unavoidably absent from the polls, or a voter who will be unable to attend the polls because of illness or physical disability may vote absentee in Arkansas.

To obtain an absentee application call or visit your county clerk's office or go to the Secretary of State's website. You can submit your application in person by close of business the day before the election or by mail 7 days before the election.

PROOF OF IDENTIFICATION

On October 15, 2014 the Arkansas Supreme Court unanimously declared the Voter ID Law unconstitutional.

- The court made it clear that the Voter ID Law is invalid and all ballots, including absentee ballots, will be handled as they were before the law took effect.
- **Poll workers are still required to ask voters for identification but voters who do not have or choose not to show ID will be allowed to cast a regular ballot.**
- First time voters who did not provide a driver's license, ID, or social security number when registering to vote may be required to show some proof of identification, but it need not be photo ID. Alternatives for these voters include showing a current utility bill, bank statement, paycheck, or other government document that shows the voter's name and address.
- After this ruling, under no circumstances must a voter show a photo ID in order to vote.

PROBLEMS AT THE POLLS

Know your rights:

- Polls are open from 7:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. You have the right to vote if you're standing in line when the polls closed.
- You have the right to an accessible polling place and an accessible voting machine or appropriate accommodations.
- You may ask for help from two poll workers or bring one person of your choice to assist you.

What If I'm not on the voter list?

- Confirm with the poll worker that you're at the right polling place. They will ask for your address and date of birth to verify with the county clerk that you're a registered voter in that precinct.
- If you're at the right polling place but the worker cannot confirm your information, you can cast a provisional ballot.

What if my name differs from the precinct voter registration list?

- You must complete a voter registration form to update your county voter registration records, but you should be allowed to vote.

What if someone challenge my right to vote?

- Assert your right! If you cannot persuade the poll workers to accept your vote and you are voting early, you can leave and seek assistance or cast a provisional ballot. If it is Election Day, you can seek help and/or cast a provisional ballot. Election officials will rule on your ballot before the election results and determine whether to count your vote.

What if someone tries to intimidate or harass me?

- Tell a poll worker right away. If they are the problem, tell a poll watcher, the election judge, and contact 1) your county clerk 2) Arkansas State Board of Election Commissioners 3) the ACLU of Arkansas.

Questions or Problems: call the National Voter Hotline at **866-OUR-VOTE** (866-687-8683)